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Colons Stone Police, Abuse Paris Leaders

ALGIERS (Reuter). — Thousands of demonstrators shouting "De Gaulle to the Gallows," yesterday pelted gendarmes with stones and tomatoes, injuring one, after an Armistice Day ceremony at the War Memorial here.

Demonstrations also shouted "Paratroopers with us," and "Southeast treason," and hurled stones at the building of the pro-Gaullist newspaper "Journal d'Algérie." Several arrests were made.

Earlier, during a parade, the crowds lining the route shouted, "French Algeria," "Army to power," and "Shoot Ben Bella" (an insurgent leader held by the French). The crowd whistled, booed and cried "treason" when a high army officer told the ringleaders, "Algeria is French" as much as you want, but stop shouting against de Gaulle.

The memorial ceremony was attended by M. Paul Delouvrier, Delegate-General to Algeria, and General Maurice Challe, Commander-in-Chief of French forces in Algeria.

The crowds later dispersed and officials said the city was calm.

The ex-servicemen's and "activist" organizations said they had no part in the disturbances.

The French right-wing Rally for French Algeria (R.A.F.) issued a communiqué in Paris yesterday, signed by M. Georges Bidault, which said it had full confidence that the Moslem and European French citizens of Algeria would not "lend themselves to the deception of the eventual secret conversations on the conditions of the electoral campaign and the vote on Algerian self-determination."

In Tunis, yesterday, an official spokesman for the insurgent "Algerian Provisional Government" said it was meeting to study the text of Gen. de Gaulle's news conference on Tuesday.

Thorez Raps C.P. Attack On De Gaulle Plan

PARIS (Reuter). — The Secretary-General of the French Communist Party, Maurice Thorez, has criticized as "hasty, precipitate, and thus incomplete," the party's original opposition to President de Gaulle's announcement of his Algerian self-determination plan.

In a speech to the party's Central Committee on November 3, also reported in the party organ "L'Humanité" on Wednesday, M. Thorez called on the committee for "public self-criticism."

The Communist attack on the plan while he was in Moscow had "nourished the hostile campaigns against our party," he said.

USSR Woos Persia With 85-15 Oil Deal

TEHRAN (Reuter). — The Soviet Union has offered an unprecedented profit-sharing arrangement — 85 per cent to Persia and 15 per cent to the Soviet Union — in exchange for oil exploration rights in Persia, informed sources said here on Wednesday.

There was only one proviso — that Persia give a written undertaking not to allow foreign powers to establish anti-Soviet bases on her territory.

Press reports said the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Nikolai Pegov, had renewed earlier Soviet offers to build dams, roads, railways and power stations in Persia, and to settle all disputes between the two countries. The envoy made the offer at a meeting with the Shah on Monday.

Political observers here believe the Soviet Union is trying to prevent a further deterioration of Soviet-Persian relations, and is trying to win influence in Tehran at a time when Persia is moving much closer to the Western and Cento powers.

President Ayub of Pakistan is on a state visit here now, Premier Menderes of Turkey is due here next week on talks for closer Turkish-Persian military cooperation, and President Eisenhower will visit Tehran next month.

We thank all those who sent written or verbal messages of condolence on the death of my husband, our father

Dr. Itzhak Weizman

The Family

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Party	First Knesset	Second Knesset	Third Knesset	Fourth Knesset
Mapai	46	45	40	47
Herut	14	8	15	17
General Zionists	7	20	15	8
Progressives	5	4	5	5
Mapam	10	15	9	9
Abdull Ha'avoda			10	7
Hapoel Hamizrachi **		8	11	10
Hamizrachi **	16	2		
Aguda		3		
Poalei Aguda		2		
Communists	4	5	6	3
Arab Parties	2	5	5	5
Sephardim *		4		
Yemenites	1	1		
WIZO	1			
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* Sephardim later joined with General Zionists during Second Knesset.
** These two parties are now joined in the National Religious Party.

FINAL COUNT OF KNESSET VOTE

Mapai Has 47 Seats, Arab Parties 5

TEL AVIV. — Mapai will have 47 mandates in the Fourth Knesset, and not 48, as had been believed earlier, The Jerusalem Post learned from sources close to the Central Election Committee on Wednesday.

Instead of the 48th seat, Mapai-affiliated Arab list, Progress and Development, will have another mandate. The three Arab lists — all Mapai-affiliated — now have five seats.

Mapai's surplus votes from the soldiers' ballots went to Progress and Development, with whom Mapai had a surplus votes agreement.

The officials of the Committee completed their counting of the soldiers' votes well after midnight Tuesday at the committee headquarters at Beit Hapraklit.

The official announcement of the results will only be made today (Thursday).

In calculating the number of votes required for each of the 120 seats, the votes received by parties that obtained less than one per cent of the total of valid votes are eliminated. These came to 32,300 of the total 669,337 valid votes, leaving 637,037 — or 7,800 votes as the key for a mandate.

When the number of votes received by each party was divided by this number, 113 seats were allocated. The remaining seven were given to the parties possessing the largest remainders after division of their total vote by the key.

The first seat went to the Progress and Development list which had a surplus vote agreement with Mapai permitting the two parties to combine their remainders, which came to 8,332. The other two Mapai, Arab lists also had an agreement. Together they had 6,408 surplus votes which gave the seventh surplus mandate to the Cooperation and Brotherhood list.

The other five seats went to Mapam with a balance of 7,068; Agudat Yisrael, 5,969; Progressives, 5,889; Herut, 5,715; and General Zionists, 5,100.

The Communists received 3,974 surplus votes, Abdull Ha'avoda, 3,448, and the National Religious Party, 3,100.

Justice Sussman will perform his final official action as Election Chairman on Monday at 10 a.m. in the garden of Z.O.A. House when he will distribute letters of accreditation to the members of the Fourth Knesset to 120 couples of Gadna youngsters.

The boys and girls will then deliver the official documents to the Members homes.

This scheme was devised by the Committee Secretary, Mr. M. Shiloah. He told The Jerusalem Post that the Committee would provide transportation so that the letters would reach the homes of every Knesset Member in the country at the same time.

Shukairy Threatens: Fight

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — Stressing repeatedly that this was the U.N.'s last chance to repatriate the Arab refugees, the Saudi Arabian delegate, Ahmed Shukairy, told the Special Political Committee yesterday that "should they (refugees) continue to be ignored, they would be compelled to rise to arms to regain their homes, their orchards, their vineyards, and what is dearest, their churches and their mosques, which they have consecrated with their prayers, love and devotion."

Shukairy warned the Committee that unless Israel is forced at the current session to accept complete repatriation of the refugees, "50 million Arabs from Casablanca to the Persian Gulf" are ready and eager to go to war against Israel.

Shukairy began speaking when the meeting convened at 11 a.m. sharp, and continued to talk until 1:38 p.m. Towards the end his diatribe took on the nature of a filibuster in order to prevent Israel exercising her right of reply.

To the President of Israel and the Prime Minister, the Ministers, Members of the Knesset, Ambassadors, Consuls and foreign diplomatic representatives, Justices, Rabbis, Mayors and Chairmen of Local Councils, representatives of the National and Economic Institutions, the heads of Scientific, Educational, Cultural and Art Institutions, to the members of the Manufacturers' Association and the Histadrut, to all in Israel and abroad who have sent me condolences on the passing of my dear husband

ARIEH SHENKAR

I offer my heartfelt thanks and appreciation.
Rivka Shenkar

Coalition Talks Opening Today; Mapai Outlines Key Principles

'You Proved We're One Nation,' Premier Tells Wadi Salib Voters

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

First official contacts between Mapai and all the other parties except Herut and the Communists on the composition of the future coalition Government are to begin today, following yesterday's meeting in Tel Aviv of "Haverenu." Mapai's policy-making body.

At the meeting, which concluded the first round of Mapai's internal discussions, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion outlined the principles that will serve as the basis for talks with other parties. These principles are understood to be similar in content to those which guided the outgoing Cabinet, with the addition of constitutional elections, and stiffer regulation on collective Cabinet responsibility.

The meeting appointed a committee of six comprising Messrs. Eshkol, Sapir, Namir, Shitrit, Josephthal and Givon, to conduct the coalition talks with the various parties. Prime Minister Ben-Gurion is expected to take part in these talks only at a later stage.

Left Wing Cool To Merger Proposal

TEL AVIV. — The Prime Minister's appeal to the various labour parties and factions to form one united pioneering party was received coolly, our reporter learned on Wednesday from the parties involved.

The Prime Minister appealed in personal letters to the Secretary of Hapoel Ha'avoda, Mr. Y. Tabenkin, to Mr. Meir Ya'ari and Mr. Ya'akov Hazan of Mapam, to the Secretary of Hapoel Ha'avoda, Mr. H. Zeidel, and to two Hapoel Hamizrachi kibbutzim — Sa'ad and Tirat Zvi.

In his letter to Mr. Tabenkin, Mr. Ben-Gurion asked Abdull Ha'avoda to join Mapai in initiating a Labour Movement convention which would eventually lead to one united pioneering party. He stressed that as one faction within the party would possess a veto, Abdull Ha'avoda would be able to block any move to merge with the General Zionists to form a liberal party under progressive leadership. The Haavod Hatzofeh Executive appeal next Sunday, it was learned.

In his letter to Mr. Zeidel, Mr. Ben-Gurion asked that the "Labour section of the Progressive Party" and that the non-socialist element merge with the General Zionists to form a liberal party under progressive leadership. The Haavod Hatzofeh Executive appeal next Sunday, it was learned.

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Agudat Yisrael will enter the coalition talks without any coordination with its rivals, the National Religious Party, and is expected not to make an issue of this ap-

pointment. On the other hand, they are more concerned with the Sabbath transportation "freze."

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Social & Personal

Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday received three students from Burma now studying at the Rehovot Agricultural School. Mrs. Ben-Zvi, Mrs. U. Kohn, Mrs. U. Kohn, Mrs. U. Kohn.

Mrs. Paula Ben-Gurion yesterday received Mr. Edward M. M. Warburg at her home in Tel Aviv.

Mr. James T. O'Connell, U.S. Under-Secretary of Labour, yesterday called on Mr. Ya'akov Tsur, Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, and on the Director-General of the Ministry of Labour, Mr. Y. Avidar. He later lunched at Kibbutz Ma'ariv with the Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Labour, Mr. Y. Pundak, and had tea at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot with Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal.

Marking U.N. Week, the Norwegian Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. Per Vennemo, addressed the Haifa Rotary Club this week on "Norway, Israel and the U.N."

An Armistice Day reception was held by the Tel Aviv branch of the British Legion at its club yesterday. Among those present were the British Ambassador, Mr. Patrick Hancock, Diplomatic Representative of the British Commonwealth nations, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Marchant, of Capetown, South Africa, who came here to visit the grave of their son, Captain H. W. Marchant, killed in the 1917 campaign.

Mrs. Stephen Le Roux, wife of the South African Minister of Agriculture, was yesterday the guest of the Foreign Ministry at a luncheon at the Eden Hotel in Jerusalem. Among those present were the Assistant Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Mrs. Asael Ben-David; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hyman; Mr. and Mrs. Zvi Locker of the Foreign Ministry; Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Karpas of Hadassah; and Mrs. Michael Comay. Mrs. Le Roux also visited the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre.

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Tel Aviv-Yafo will not be held today. Instead a farewell gala ladies' evening dinner in honour of M. Pierre Giesse, French Ambassador, will take place at the Accadia Hotel on Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

The Chargé d'Affaires of Ghana, Mr. K. B. Asante, will lecture on "Ghana's Role in African Politics" at an Israeli and British Commonwealth Association meeting at the B'nai B'rith Hall, 2 Wedgewood Avenue, Mt. Carmel, tonight at 8:30.

Mrs. R.M. Frant, personal assistant to Miss Elisabeth Arden of the U.S. arrived last night by El Al for a lecture tour in Israel.

Mrs. Alise Hertz has returned from her European tour.

I.P.O. to Continue Youth Concerts

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will this season again give five Youth Concerts in cooperation with the "Jeunesse Musicale." The concerts will be held in the Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, the first on Monday, November 18. Jean Martinon will conduct, and Uri Topolitz, the I.P.O. principal flute, will appear as soloist.

The programmes are being drawn up with the tastes of teenage youngsters in mind.

Edmond Fleg Named To Legion of Honour

PARIS (INA). — M. Edmond Fleg, was awarded the cross of a Commander in the French Legion of Honour at a reception at the Alliance Israélite here on Wednesday. The presentation was made by Professor René Cassin, leading French jurist and President of the Alliance.

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British Nile Water Plan Presented

LONDON (Reuters). — Two British irrigation engineers have put forward a plan for the development and control of the Nile and its tributaries in order to provide the largest quantities of water for irrigation. It was announced here on Tuesday.

They are Mr. H. A. W. Morris, Irrigation Adviser to the Colonial Office, and Mr. W. M. Allan, Irrigation Consultant to the Sudan. Their plans were discussed today at a meeting of the Institution of Civil Engineers. Mr. Morris and Mr. Allan have analysed in detail the Nile's behaviour between 1905 and 1932 — the longest period for which hydrological data is available. Their investigations were made for the Ministry of Irrigation and Hydro-Electric Power of the Sudan.

They said that their plans were based only on hydrological factors and did not take into account the many economic and practical considerations which would affect definite planning.

The plan allows for "the relatively small quantities of irrigation water that will be needed by the East African territories. Hydro-electric power in Uganda, Ethiopia, the Sudan and Egypt are also provided for."

Higher Payments Asked For Certain Reservists

Jerusalem Post Reporter. — A recommendation to raise the minimum and maximum compensation payments to salaried persons serving in the Army reserves has been forwarded to the Minister of Labour by the Council of the Equalization Fund for Reservists' Compensation.

The Council recommended that the minimum monthly payment to reservists be raised from IL180 to IL200 and that the maximum be raised from IL300 to IL450. The maximum salary for which deductions for the fund would be made, would continue to be IL300.

Meet the Israeli: — Tourists invited to meet Israeli at home. Information at Government Tourist Offices, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

Jerusalem. — Zoo: — Biblical Zoo, 9-6. — Tours: — Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour, starting at 10 a.m. This tour by phone 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

Hebrew University. Conducted tour in English, Sat. 10 a.m. daily, New University Campus.

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In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeals

Before Justices Agron, Sussman and Witkon. Yosef Haverman, Appellant, v. 1. Mordecai Lipman and 2. Yitzhak Meiri, Respondents (C.A. 240/38)

Usurious Interest Not a Defect in Title to Promissory Note

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on April 28, 1959 (in C.A. 20/57). The respondents gave a series of promissory notes to one Zedok Helvit in order to enable him to raise cash for them. Helvit negotiated two of the notes with the value of IL250, to Yosef Haverman, the appellant. He pocketed the consideration for them, however, instead of investing it on to the respondents. When payment of the notes fell due and the latter refused to honour them, Mr. Haverman sued in the Magistrate's Court.

The Magistrate held that there was a defect in Helvit's title as he negotiated the notes fraudulently and in breach of faith, and that the respondents had undertaken to pay him usurious interest. She held further that although Haverman had not known of Helvit's breach of faith, he had known of the usurious interest, so that he could not be said to have acquired the notes in good faith. He was, therefore, not a holder in due course, and thus free from Helvit's defect of title. Section 37 of the Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1926, provides that a holder in due course holds a bill "free from any defect of title of prior parties, as well as from mere personal defences available to prior parties among themselves."

Section 28(1)(b) provides that a holder in due course is a holder who has taken a bill complete and regular on the face of it, provided that "he took the bill in good faith and for value, and that at the time and that the maximum he had no notice of any defect in the title of the person who negotiated it."

Section 28(2) lays down that a title is defective

Justice Sussman, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, said that once a defect had been found in Helvit's title, then the appellant must be deemed to have taken the notes subject to this defect of title unless he be a holder in due course. He, unless he can prove that he took the notes in good faith for value, he cannot be a holder in due course.

As far as concerns value, he continued, although the appellant had admittedly also taken usurious interest from Helvit, nevertheless this did not deprive him of his rights. For in accordance with the Usurious Loans Ordinance

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However, continued Justice Sussman, the taking of usurious interest does not create a defect in the title within the meaning of section 28 of the Ordinance. On the contrary, the conclusion to be drawn from that decision is that the taking of usurious interest contrary to the Usurious Loans Ordinance constitutes a special kind of defect, the title to a note which is tainted by usurious interest being defective only insofar as the usurious interest itself is concerned. And even that defect does not operate against an assignee of a bill who gives value in good faith and without notice of the taint in accordance with Section 2(4) of the Usurious Loans Ordinance.

Turning next to the question of the rights of an assignee of a note who does have notice of the usurious interest, Justice Sussman pointed out that the rule is that a holder to whom a note is negotiated may be either in the same, or a better, position than the prior holder who has negotiated the note. But, he continued, he must certainly not be in a worse position. In the present case, therefore, the fact that the appellant had notice of the usurious interest agreement between Helvit and the respondents could not affect his rights as a holder in due course insofar as the capital and legal interest are concerned. (Just as the agreement did not affect Helvit's rights to the capital and legal interest.) In other words, held Justice Sussman, if the IL700 had included usurious interest, the court would have found that the appellant was not a holder in due course insofar as the excess interest was concerned and would have ordered him to refrain from collecting it; whereas it would have found him to be a holder in due course insofar as the capital and legal interest were concerned. As, however, the IL700 does not include any usurious interest, the appellant is entitled to the whole amount.

Appeal allowed with IL300 costs.

Judgment given on November 5, 1959.

It is forbidden to fish for soft-shell tortoises in the rivera Rubin, Yarkon, Alexander, Hataninim and Kishon and in Lake Kinneret. (Fishing Regulations.)

repealed by the Interest Law, 1957 provides, amongst other things, that a Court may relieve a person who is being sued from payment of any sum in excess of the legal interest, but that nothing in this provision "shall affect the right of any bona fide assignee or holder for value without notice."

Mr. Haverman appealed against the decision of the Magistrate's Court to the Tel Aviv District Court which upheld the lower court judgment. He thereupon appealed to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Zakheim appeared for the appellant and Mr. E. Lankin and Mr. Rivlin for the respondents.

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The Weather

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Weather Synopsis: Upper trough extending from Europe to East Mediterranean caused local rain and a drop in temperature in our region.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	70	11	18	17
Tiberias	48	38	28	27
Beisan	48	38	28	27
Haifa Port	48	38	28	27
Natanya	48	38	28	27
Tel Aviv Airport	58	38	28	27
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Jerusalem	57	38	28	27
Bethlehem	57	38	28	27
Elitz	57	38	28	27

(A) Humidity at 8 p.m. (B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum yesterday. (D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. P. J. Pardo, a Director of the Philippine Development Bank, to study agricultural problems in Israel.

Prof. N. Feinberg, of the Hebrew University's Law Faculty, from Europe, after participating in the meeting of the Institute of International Law held in Neuchâtel.

Mr. Sigismund Mieselsky, Warsaw music critic, as guest of the National Council for Music in Israel.

Mr. Ernest Pearl, Founder-President of International Screen Advertising Services, to attend Israel's first showing of advertising films at the Zefon Cinema in Tel Aviv.

A FIRE in the Kravakop Weaving Mill in Be'er Brak destroyed two looms and caused IL55,000 damage before it was put out on Wednesday morning. It is believed that the fire was caused by a spark from an electric motor. The mill was insured.

THE PRI-SUCAR sugar factory in Givatayim will this year produce a record 8,000 tons of sugar. Mr. Ya'acov Yuval, the Administrator of the Enterprise, has told the press. The factory has contracted for a supply of 64,000 tons of sugar from the Egyptian Government. Beer Tuvia and Lyda areas.

CURRENCY in circulation rose by only IL526,142 during the week ending Tuesday to stand at IL293,847,762. The Bank of Israel announced that the Gold Reserve declined by IL9,091; foreign currency reserves declined by IL3,715,767; while Treasury bills and promissory notes rose by IL251,000.

MILITARY POLICE yesterday arrested six Arabs in various places in Galilee for not possessing exit permits from the restricted area. The Arabs, two of them from Maghar and four from Dir Hanna, were released after questioning.

GENEROUS TOURIST

TEL AVIV. — An Israeli-Polish worker who counted the proceeds from the collection box of the Tadmor Hotel in Herzliya on Wednesday found that it contained a gold sovereign.

The coin is worth about IL26, and is known to have been dropped in by a South African tourist who wishes to remain anonymous.

Mapai Wins Kiryat Gat Draw

By PHILIP GILLON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT GAT. — Three-year-old Yair Cohen of Ashdod decided the future Mayor of Kiryat Gat on Wednesday at the new Municipal building here when he pulled a white envelope out of a biscuit tin and handed it to his father, Mr. Ya'acov Cohen, the official in charge of the Municipal elections.

Mr. Cohen opened the envelope and pulled out a voting slip marked "Alef". Thus fate cast its winning ballot in favour of Mapai to resolve its tie with the National Religious Party for the critical ninth seat on the Municipal Council.

As a result, Mapai now holds five of the nine seats and a clear majority. The National Religious Party has three seats on the Council and the Sephardi list, one.

Previously, the Elections Committee had decided by a majority that the soldiers' vote, which had brought about the tie, should be disregarded because of complaints of irregularities. Without the soldiers' ballots, Mapai held the decisive seat by one vote.

The Minister of the Interior, however, refused to sanction this arrangement, and insisted that the draw

AFTER SOLDIERS' VOTE

Abdud Ha'avoda Wins Second Seat on Tel Aviv Council

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Abdud Ha'avoda gained its second seat on the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipal Council as a result of the soldiers' vote. The struggle between Abdud Ha'avoda and the National Religious Party over the extra mandate was resolved in the former's favour when it was found that the Left-wing party had 2,607 surplus votes to the 2,443 of the Religious ticket.

Coalition Talks Start in Jerusalem

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Preliminary talks on the formation of a religious-National Bloc coalition in the Jerusalem Municipal Council began yesterday — and were adjourned without a date being set for another meeting. Members of the Religious Bloc said that the only basis for discussion would be Mapai acceptance of a religious mayor. Mapai countered with a demand that the majority go to the largest party, Mapai, which has eight seats in the Council.

On this note, the hour-long meeting broke up. A Mapai spokesman said later that it "might take time to convince the Religious Bloc to accept our demands." Mapai is also opening discussions with Abdud Ha'avoda and the Progressive Party, who together have two seats, which is one short of enabling Mapai to form an 11-man coalition.

Present at the meeting on Wednesday were: Dr. Lipov, Mayor Secretary in Jerusalem; Mr. Moshe Baran, Secretary of the Jerusalem Religious Council; and newly-elected M.K. Reuven Rabin, of Agudat Yisrael, also a newly-elected secretary of the National Religious Party in Jerusalem.

Religious Bloc Formed. The Religious Bloc of seven members was formed on Tuesday when Agudat Yisrael, the National Religious Party and the Iraqi Immigrants List (whose representative on the Council is Mr. Reuven Rabin) decided to conduct all their negotiations jointly, and to present a united front on all matters pertaining to the city. But the two major parties were unable to decide whether their joint candidate for mayor would be Dr. Fitchak Gold (National Religious) or Rabbi Moshe Porush (Agudat Yisrael).

Mr. S. Toussaint-Cohen, a lawyer appearing for Mapai, yesterday sent a letter to Mr. Y. Weinstock, chairman of the National Religious Party in Jerusalem, charging him with libel.

Mr. Weinstock wrote that Mapai had publicly stated that Mapai had offered Mr. Rabin IL200,000 and brought other unethical pressure to bear on him to switch his allegiance to Mapai. Mr. Weinstock said that he had not yet received the letter. He added that Mr. Rabin and eight members of the Council, the Religious Community, had confirmed the statement.

A Mapai spokesman said that no bribe had been offered. He was puzzled why Mr. Rabin had not gone to the police with his story, and he further puzzled why Mr. Rabin had suddenly decided to leave the city before he could be asked to affirm or deny his charges.

Local leaders of Mapai, Mapam, Abdud Ha'avoda and the Progressives boycotted the draw, although party members were present. Mr. L. Vardimon, the District Officer, the Kiryat Gat Police chief, and other non-partisan figures were present to guarantee the honesty of the draw.

As soon as the winning slip was shown, the draw broke out. The clerk drawing up the protocol, Israel Samson, rushed to a telephone to call the Mayor, Mr. Gideon Rahov, who was waiting for the results in his home.

Another Mapai sympathizer rushed to the window and shouted out "Alef!" to the crowd below.

Somebody else collected a bet of IL4 from Shalom Weismann, the leader of the Sephardi list, who had staked not only IL4 but his political return on the downfall of Mapai. If the draw had come out otherwise, he would have held the balance of power.

A milkman came up to the office and distributed free bottles of milk to all present to toast the Mapai victory. The hero of the occasion, Yair, was so overwhelmed by the uproar that he burst into tears and ran to his mother.

Venezuelan Minister Arrives From Rome

The Venezuelan Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Victor Jimenez Landina, will lay a wreath on Herzl's tomb in Jerusalem this morning. Dr. and Mrs. Jimenez arrived in Israel late last night for a four-day visit as guests of the Government.

At noon today, they will be the luncheon guests of the Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, and in the late afternoon they will call on the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi. In the evening, they will be the guests of the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Edith Lasker.

Dr. Jimenez heads his country's delegation to the F.A.O. conference in Rome.

Guinea Trade Unionists Visit Histadrut

TEL AVIV. — The visiting delegation of trade union leaders from Guinea, headed by the Secretary-General of the Guinea Agricultural Workers, Mr. F. L. Pedouin, on Wednesday visited the Histadrut Executive Building, and were received by the Histadrut Secretary General, Mr. P. L.

PASSENGER KILLED IN ROAD CRASH

TEL AVIV. — A passenger in a private car died on Wednesday evening on the Hadera-Natanya road when the car he was travelling in hit a lorry parked at the side of the road without lights.

The victim, David Gross, 31, of Natanya, was riding in a car driven by Mr. Gad Aloni of Beit Yitzhak at 7.45 p.m. when they crashed into the unlighted lorry. He died on the spot.

The driver of the lorry has not yet been discovered.

Ben-Gurion Refuses Aranne Resignation

Mr. Zalman Aranne on Monday notified Prime Minister Ben-Gurion that he wished to relinquish his post of Minister of Education.

Mr. Ben-Gurion did not accept Mr. Aranne's resignation and has arranged to meet him this week to discuss the matter.

Mr. Aranne has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the post of Knesset Speaker.

Provident Funds May Sell On Stock Exchange

Provident funds are to be allowed to trade securities held by them on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange on condition that they reinvest the proceeds in other securities, the spokesman of the Ministry of Finance announced on Wednesday.

This decision was taken by a committee of Treasury officials headed by Mr. M. Zargi, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Finance.

Heretofore, provident funds were only permitted to purchase bonds at source. The relaxation in the regulations is expected to stimulate action on the Stock Exchange.

The floating of a IL15m. bond issue by the Palestine Electric Corporation in December was also approved by the committee.

The bonds, which bear five per cent interest, are linked half-and-half to the Consumers Price Index and the exchange rate of the dollar.

First Gem Polishing Centre in Capital

Israel's first centre for the polishing of precious and semi-precious stones was opened in the Mekor Baruch industrial zone in Jerusalem on Tuesday. The new workshop was inaugurated in the presence of the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Sapir, who praised the initiative of the workshop.

The workshop which will employ 20 persons in its initial stage was set up by the processing of precious stones, by a Dutch expert in the processing of precious stones, Mr. J. Van Harten, and by Mr. E. Engel of the U.S. Embassy.

The Controller of Diamonds in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Y. Divon, speaking at a press conference which preceded the inaugural ceremony, pointed out that the processing of precious stones such as sapphires, rubies, topaz and tourmalines was a very suitable export industry for Israel.

ARGENTINE SEPHARDIM JOIN ZIONISTS

LYDDA AIRPORT. — The Sephardi Jewish community in Argentina have decided to join the Zionist Movement. Mr. Zvi Lurie, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Organization Department, reported on returning by El Al after a three-months visit to the South American continent.

There are about 140,000 Sephardi Jews in Argentina, a third of the Jewish population.

Shfarim Enquiry Ctee Hears Testimony

ACRE. — The three-man police enquiry commission on Wednesday heard an eyewitness, a relative of Mohammed Raad, who was killed during the bus riots in Shfarim on Sunday. Mr. Yehuda Ariel, "Ha'aretz" and Kol Yisrael reporter, who was present in Shfarim from the start of the riots, also started giving evidence. He testified for three hours.

Magistrate A. Mahabul on Wednesday cancelled the 15-day remand order against the Shfarim Communist Party Secretary, Mr. Shafik Khoury, and issued a 10-day order in his place. Mr. Khoury is charged with having incited to riot.

Gilbert Defends Renault Default On Commercial Grounds

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The outgoing French Ambassador, M. Pierre Gilbert, on Wednesday justified, on commercial grounds, Renault's abrogation of its contract with Kasser-Frazer in Israel. "Your Government was perfectly right when seeking to save some \$300,000, it preferred a Dutch firm to a French one for the construction of a shipyard," M. Gilbert told the Israeli Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon held at the Z.O.A. House.

The Directors-General of the Ministries of Defence and of Transport, the head of the Economic Department of the Jewish Agency, the Chairman of the Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce, and the Director-General of Kasser-Frazer were among those present.

M. Gilbert hinted that Israel, for its part, could not claim total innocence in the Renault affair.

Summing up his seven years in this country, M. Gilbert said it was an experience which "could not be duplicated anywhere else." Coming to Israel as a perfect stranger to these Jewish lands, he soon learned to know that Jews were "exactly like all other people."

Having come to know them, he began first to appreciate the Jews, then to admire and finally to like them. "In fact," M. Gilbert observed, "Israelis have largely the same qualities and faults that Frenchmen have."

Stranded Seamen Going Home Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The over 30 American seamen of the s.s. Pacific Wave, who have been stranded here for three weeks, are to be repatriated today.

They will fly to New York by Sabena at the expense of the U.S. State Department. Their Union, the International Seafarers, will see to their passage home to Texas, Alabama, and North Carolina.

The ship arrived here on September 28, with 10,000 tons of wheat from Galveston, Texas. After unloading, she was unable to sail home as her operator, the World Tramping Agency, failed to send \$20,000 for fuel. When the last drop was burnt up, the American Consul brought the men ashore as "distressed seamen" and put them up at the Carmelia Court Hotel, at the U.S. Government's expense.

The ship's company owes the men three months' wages. No money has been paid to them or their families since they sailed, except for a few pounds of pocket money on arrival here.

The Union has instructed them to get a lien on the ship in the Haifa Maritime Court. The men have engaged Mr. Y. Lieber, a local lawyer, to act on their behalf.

REFUGEES

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day heard statements on refugee problems from Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld and from Dr. John Davis, Director of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Arab Refugees.

The Saudi Arabian insisted that integration of the refugees into the economic life of the Middle East means their integration on Israel's soil. Only those refugees who refuse to return to Israel are to be settled elsewhere, he said, and that resettlement must be financed by Israel.

Shukrally laid down a five-point programme which he insisted must be enacted by this year's Assembly. This envisaged:

1. Implementation of the 1950 resolution which, in Shukrally's view, calls for the collection of the revenues allegedly derived by Israel from Arab-owned properties and the use of these revenues for the welfare of the refugees.

2. Allowing the inhabitants of the "front villages" on the Israel-Jordan border, to cultivate lands on the Israeli side of the Armistice line.

3. Allowing not only the refugees in the Gaza area but also the local inhabitants of the Gaza Strip to farm their lands on the other side of the Armistice line.

4. Reinstating the Beduins in the Sinai area in Israel, whence they allegedly had been "expelled by Israel."

5. Reactivating the Palestine Conciliation Commission and enlarging it "on a geographical basis." The P.C.C. now has three members—the U.S., France and Turkey.

These, he said, would constitute only the "beginnings of a peaceful solution." Should Israel still refuse to accept these "solutions," Shukrally said, economic sanctions should be invoked "to melt Israel's resistance."

Trade Pact With Rumania Renewed

Israel and Rumania have extended their present trade agreement through 1960, it was officially announced in Jerusalem yesterday.

The original agreement, signed in 1957, called for the exchange of \$4.5m. worth of goods a year in both directions.

The talks to renew the agreement were held in Geneva, during the meetings of the Economic Council of Europe.

Dead Man Found In Tel Aviv Street

TEL AVIV. — The body of a young man was found lying in a pool of blood in Rehov Abulafia, in the Florentin Quarter, about 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

The cause of death was a gunshot wound, the owner of a nearby workshop in Rehov Abulafia, who was called by a revolver bullet. According to documents found in the pockets, police identified the body as that of Shmuel Siruti, aged 23, of 124 Harel Street. Siruti had a criminal record.

The body was found by a passerby, the owner of a textile workshop in Rehov Abulafia. He stumbled over it as he was walking towards his car.

After putting through a call to the police, he stopped a passing military vehicle, which took the body to Hadasah Hospital. There, doctors determined that Siruti had been dead for some time.

Siruti was found lying on his back, his arms outstretched. He had lost a great deal of blood through his nose and from the wound under his chin.

The police roped off that part of the vacant lot next to the sidewalk where he was found. In the morning, they will try and discover some footprints there.

By midnight, no one had been arrested.

PRESIDENT MARKS U.N. DAY

"I am sure that every one of you who is with us contributes personally to the advancement of the U.N.'s principal aims—guaranteeing peace and security, and technical cooperation," said President Ben-Zvi at a reception yesterday in honour of U.N. Day. He emphasized Israel's complete support of the U.N.'s principles.

Present at the reception were General von Horn, Chief of the U.N.T.S.O., Mr. Eric Ward, Head of U.N. Technical Cooperation in Israel, and U.N. staff members.

SOCCER

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an defenders. But as the game progressed, the forwards became wary of shooting and tip-tap took the place of good football.

The Israeli trainer, Gila Mandi, who considered his team as preparation for the international match against Poland later this month, brought in Finkel and 16-year-old Young, for Glaser and Rosenbaum, in the second half. But these two players showed they were not of international class.

The game deteriorated and in the 60th minute right-half Goldstein, who had till then been playing a very good game, was sent off the field for shouting at Referee Fried.

The crowd, dissatisfied with the scrappy play of the National team, decided at this stage to begin to whistle at the team.

For the Israel Selected, Goldstein did all that was asked of him. Mordecovitich and Finkelovich were sturdy defenders and Goldstein and Stelmach did their best to get the attack moving.

The lineups were: Israel — Buch, Simandiris, Mordecovitich, Goldstein, Finkelovich, Tisch, Mendelev, Stelmach, Levy, Rosenbaum (Finkel), Glaser (Young), Brail — Castillo, Nilton, Gilbert, Ramon, Osmario, Amodeo, J. Brande, Orlay, Jefferson, De Paola.

Shfarim Enquiry Ctee Hears Testimony

ACRE. — The three-man police enquiry commission on Wednesday heard an eyewitness, a relative of Mohammed Raad, who was killed during the bus riots in Shfarim on Sunday. Mr. Yehuda Ariel, "Ha'aretz" and Kol Yisrael reporter, who was present in Shfarim from the start of the riots, also started giving evidence. He testified for three hours.

Magistrate A. Mahabul on Wednesday cancelled the 15-day remand order against the Shfarim Communist Party Secretary, Mr. Shafik Khoury, and issued a 10-day order in his place. Mr. Khoury is charged with having incited to riot.

Trade Pact With Rumania Renewed

Israel and Rumania have extended their present trade agreement through 1960, it was officially announced in Jerusalem yesterday.

The original agreement, signed in 1957, called for the exchange of \$4.5m. worth of goods a year in both directions.

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U.J.A. Leaders Question Jewish Agency Officials

By MALKA RABINOWITZ, Jerusalem Post Reporter

NATANYA. — In a country which places the accent on youth, United Jewish Appeal leaders on Wednesday evening toured a bustling, cheerful community whose youngest member is 71.

On the second day of their 10-day study mission to Israel, the 115 UJA members from the U.S. were gathered at the Frieda Schiff-Warburg Home for the Aged here to mark the 10th anniversary of JDC-Malben.

Formalities were kept at a minimum and the speeches short — and effective — with elderly residents being given the stage to present a play.

It was called "Nor a Doctor," and its main characters were a matchmaker, a father and a mother who wanted "only a doctor" for her daughter. The average age of the cast, including the ingenue daughter and a first-hand student, was 75.

The one-act was preceded by a "wheelchair" choir — infirm men and women who sat in their wheelchairs and unenthusiastically sang Hebrew and old Yiddish favourites. On the other side of the footlights, there was scarcely a dry eye in the house.

Speakers who opened the evening were Mr. Edward M. Warburg, UJA Honorary Chairman and Chairman of the JDC, for whose mother the home is named; Dr. Giora Josephthal, former Jewish Agency Treasurer, who concluded the agreement on behalf of the Agency with JDC, which created Malben 10 years ago; and Mr. Louis Horowitz, Director-General of Malben in Israel.

In the afternoon, the mission members visited the ORT school in Natanya. Breakfast was followed by the consumption of long rows of statistics, presented by Mr. Z. Shragal and Mr. Y. Braginsky, heads of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Departments, respectively.

The "students" mainly practical businessmen, quickly absorbed the facts and figures and lost no time in shooting back questions.

"As a businessman," declared Mr. David Lonschell, a young business executive from Pittsburgh, "about 30 per cent of immigrants transfer their assets from their old country to their new one. How can we get them to transfer their assets to Israel?"

Mr. Braginsky answered that the immigrants in question were transferred because they could not use their skills or professions in their first locations. Persons in need of other refuge to move to distant permanent dwellings. Housing will have to be given them on the spot.

After the ceremony, American and Sephardi leaders, including Mr. Z. Shragal, former producer of "High Noon" — invited Ziva for a screen test and the British Jewish industrialist York Noble offered her one of his Noble-200 cars as a consolation prize.

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Ziva Shomrat Third In 'Miss World' Contest

LONDON (INA). — An 18-year-old Israeli girl, Miss Ziva Shomrat, was elected to third place in the annual "Miss World" competition here on Tuesday night.

Brunette, green-eyed, Ziva, the tallest among the 57 competitors, is on special leave from the Israel Army to attend the competition.

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Kennan Warns: 'U.S. Too Soft'

By PHILIP DEANE

WASHINGTON (APNS). — President Eisenhower is entering the home stretch of his long Presidency with a world journey that will have started and perhaps ended many of his younger prodigies. No President of the United States has made such a journey in Asia, but much has changed for both Asia and America since Mr. Eisenhower entered the White House.

Seven years ago, President Eisenhower inherited a country which was then not only the world's richest but also incomparably the most powerful militarily, technologically, and in influence exercised around the earth—the paramount Power. Inevitably, and physically secure. In one year he will hand over a country first only in wealth, but secondly in power, to a physically secure, a country that is being pushed for first place by another more grim and more determined. Yet Eisenhower is loved, and even after he retires he may well be loved more than any other American President.

Eisenhower has said he is willing to go anywhere in the pursuit of peace and he is loved by his people because he is a man of peace. He kept his word and ended the fighting in Korea—albeit on terms his party would not allow Truman to accept. He is loved for his humane traits. They understand him well when he complains that he has no time to think because a new problem is brought to him every minute. They sympathize with his amiable distaste for unpleasantness and his reluctance to "bray". He has appointed good judges—often declared Democrats. His thrift too, not unattractively, appears wholly admirable to the American taxpayer.

Had these been stable times, he would have been not only a beloved President but a successful one. But these are not stable times. Internationally, a technological revolution is changing the patterns of employment and bitter labour unrest can be avoided only by executive action. Externally, the world's underprivileged majority seethes with unrest demanding help almost as a birthright. Meanwhile the Soviet Union indicated as it is to the proposition that change is inevitable and can lead only to Communism through a collapse of the capitalist system. It is trying to bring about the collapse of capitalism and the Soviet Union is the first Power seriously to challenge the supremacy of the Atlantic nations.

In the military field, this challenge has put Mr. Eisenhower in the traditional dilemma of all democracies. By definition, democracies are defensive; they do not strike the first blow. The defender has no way of knowing when an attack may come, so he must always have weapons for today, for tomorrow and for the day after tomorrow. Russia's other words, could ignore bombers and air-

breathing missiles and go straight to rockets; the U.S. could not.

Even with her inherent disadvantage of the home stretch, the U.S. is so much richer that it could have kept ahead of Russia even though the expense would have been enormous. At least in Mr. Eisenhower's opinion, and the military is not the only field in which Mr. Eisenhower has had to face the necessities of competition with Russia.

Lack of Purpose

George F. Kennan, the Princeton historian and one-time Ambassador to Russia, says: "With no highly developed sense of national purpose, with the overwhelming accident of life on personal comfort and amusement, with a dearth of public services and a surfeit of private life, the U.S. has been a country of the system, managing rather than maintaining. And the President has shown himself a true conservative—perhaps the last true conservative in the history of the United States—intending to run the house tidily even though his efforts are needed to repair the cracked walls."

Consequently, even the peace he so sincerely seeks and which may prove illusory, stable peace still seems to depend on the superior strength of the peacekeeper. The U.S. is losing this superiority.

Mr. Kennan is not alone in thus assessing the situation; the intellectuals of the U.S., on the whole, would agree with him. The task of righting these wrongs is truly staggering, yet if they are not righted, the relative weakness of the U.S. will increase—for example, a school system which sacrifices quality produces a population with no regard for quality and little willingness to pay for quality; such a population will seek its pleasures in the gadgetry Mr. Kennan deplors, and this hardly makes for a sense of national purpose.

Possibly a man of Mr. Eisenhower's prestige could have broken this circle with radical reforms or he could have used his existing legislative powers to improve the quality of life on personal comfort and amusement, with a dearth of public services and a surfeit of private life, the U.S. has been a country of the system, managing rather than maintaining. And the President has shown himself a true conservative—perhaps the last true conservative in the history of the United States—intending to run the house tidily even though his efforts are needed to repair the cracked walls."

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Readers' Letters

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have asked the Geneva HQ of the World Health Organization for an explanation of why it had not been invited to take part in the WHO regional conference for the Middle East, scheduled to take place in Addis Ababa.

The explanation is very simple: according to the lights of the U.N. and its specialized agencies, Israel is no part of the Middle East. For example, a recent publication of the U.N. Food & Agriculture Organization — "FAO Mediterranean Development Project," page XVI, puts Israel in "southern Europe" together with Greece, Spain, Turkey, etc., i.e. neatly apart from other Near Eastern (i.e. Arab) countries.

Appealing the Arabs seems to have become an — albeit very sordid — international standard operating procedure but "correcting geography" this way is downright silly.

Yours, etc.
 PERSZ TURA
 Rehovot, November 1.

presented certain melodramatic scenes, which might — but are not — have been ridiculous; however, within the powerful setting of persecution and imminent destruction, these few scenes were not laughable.

It was my misfortune to sit immediately in front of two groups of children (11-13 years old), who spent their time gazing at the tragic situation of the French Jew. With no understanding, they mimicked the frightening drone of the claxon as the Gestapo car sped through the streets, and mimed to apprehend more Jews.

These children did not experience Nazi horrors (Thank Heaven), yet they should be sensitive to the fact that the past, which probably belonged to their parents.

If children do not possess the understanding, or maturity, to view such movies, then I would suggest that the Board of Censors limit attendance to adults. There is no reason to ruin the impact of a film by allowing discourteous, unruly children into a performance.

Yours, etc.
 BERNARD H. PUCKER
 Jerusalem, November 9.

ELECTION SYSTEMS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Without entering into a discussion about the merits of proportional representation, I think it only fair that the proponents of re-

they are contained to a considerable distance. This, I made it a favourite in gardens a century ago, when I was a child, and I was in state of sufficient barbarism to find amusement in the annoyance of others, but it has now deservedly fallen into disrepute, and is seldom grown.

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DR. LOTHAR EISENER
 Jerusalem, November 4.

DISPLACED LAUGHTER

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Sir, — Last evening, I attended a performance of "The Diary of Anne Frank" at the Orion Theatre. The movie

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WE were a little surprised, some days ago, to receive a formal invitation to call on the Bank of Israel at our convenience. We managed to make it convenient, and were received, warmly and with cups of coffee, by three distinguished banking gentlemen. So we hadn't liked their new money? No, we said de-

ONE of the banking gentlemen produced a magnificent gold-embossed leather album, the scrap-book of Messrs. Thomas de la Rue, of London, printers of currency, and invited us to thumb through it. Another nonchalantly tossed on the table a packet of selected notes from various parts of the world.

They made their point. There was a Finnish note, for the equivalent of IL5, as large as a sheet for a baby's cot, and showing a reproduction of the carefully drawn figures, carrying some great sausage or rye affair. They were all nude, so presumably they were on their way to the sauna, the Finnish family bath, and had been caught off their guard by the artist.

THERE was a Swiss note with a man cutting grass on a mountain plateau with a scythe, but as the plateaux was so high he had to squeeze his head right down on one side or it would have been out of the picture. This note was withdrawn at a short time, we learned, apparently because it gave people a crick in the neck just to look at it. Curiously, other Swiss notes have portraits of girls, and they also all hold their heads on one side. A French note — they come very large too — had coloured pictures of girls that amounted almost to film-magazine cheesecake. The Yugoslav money looks businesslike, and the Hungarian is beautiful. It bears a striking resemblance to a portrait in a well-known picture and some arabesques to defeat the fancy on one side, and a complete picture on the other.

Next time we could have Rubin's "Therese Fisher Boy" in place of the old gaffer of Shipper's carvings.

BUT perhaps it wouldn't do any good. The next stage in our education as regards money consisted of the original sketches produced for our new notes. The fishermen here was familiar, if not particularly striking. He wore a kova tembel, a round, shabby Israeli cloth hat, rolled-up sleeves, and carried the tail end of a net somewhere. Then came the experts, who said the fishing people do actually have some oilskins for use in winter storms (when they don't go out much), and then all the rest of the gadgets were put in to make life harder for the forger.

THE final sketch to then handed over to de la Rue, whose engraver obviously specializes in this bloodless, hairline style, for all the notes in the album bear a strong family likeness. The Libyans, for instance, are using notes that are exactly like our last set with the abstract art. In a portrait of King Hussein looks like the little brother to King George VI of England, and the dragon on some Chinese money looks as though he'd sneezed if you coughed "Pido". The Burmese must have about character, for the design on their money, also by de la Rue, is delicate, charming, and quite different.

NOW that the new money is out," observed the senior banker, "everybody is beginning to like the lot. Our main idea was not to create a world of even to the extent that stamps are meant to be attractive, but money that would be as difficult as possible to forge. It has been tried in the neighbouring countries, and when it is done for political reasons rather than profit, they don't care if it costs them IL12 to reproduce. IL10 note. That is why there is so much detail in the designs, that is why the scientist, who was looking down modestly in the sketch looks out at you like that — as you will notice if the wrong face stares at you from the note another time — to say nothing of half-a-dozen secret signs that very few people even in the Bank know, and they said we'd try to remember all that every time we came across the Skipper, and left.

STUDYING a review of gardening books in the "New Yorker" we came across a reference to a book that includes unpopular flowers as well as the more common, popular, ones. One of these mentioned was Cucurbitaceae — The Cucurbitaceae. An annual scandent plant, which resembles a small cucumber, and which, when ripe, bursts like a melon, the seeds, and the liquid, pulpy matter in which

they are contained to a considerable distance. This, I made it a favourite in gardens a century ago, when I was a child, and I was in state of sufficient barbarism to find amusement in the annoyance of others, but it has now deservedly fallen into disrepute, and is seldom grown.

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The Soviet Prime Minister Approves the Suez Blockade. (From the Press) By arrangement with "Ma'ariv"

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Salem's 'Danse Macabre'

WHILE Salem's purported interview with Nikita Khrushchev may be taken with a pinch of salt, the papers comment on the report at its face value. Haaretz (National Religious) concludes that the Kremlin master's statements dispel all illusions as to Russia's policy for the Middle East, which has not changed since her national interests dictate continued support for the Arabs, backing their illegal aims, sending them arms (even though there is no danger of war) and encouraging them in their hostility to Israel.

Haaretz (General Zionist) writes that Khrushchev's claim that "the Soviet Union's feelings... were always with the Arabs" is not altogether precise, for Russia acted differently when the objective was to eject the British from Palestine; but that was before Moscow decided to penetrate the Middle East on the crest of Arab nationalism.

Herut, which acridly comments that it is patent that Khrushchev flatters Israel, does not understand why Jews had to flock to the Soviet October Revolution reception at Ramat Gan.

Haaretz (non-party) does not believe that the Shfarim raising was fomented by political elements, though it does not rule out its subsequent exploitation for political ends. It should be made clear from the outset that transport problems have nothing to do with majorities or minorities, or with the Arab or Druse communities as such. The paper expresses the certainty that the demonstration was directed against Egged and not against the Government, that the police were only interested in restoring calm and that their efforts were not directed against any one individual or group in particular.

Davar (Histadrut) argues that communication difficulties are not restricted to Shfarim or even to Israel as a whole for that matter and finds it hard to agree that it was this that stimulated the outbreak. It adds that it is yet to be proved that Mohammed Ra'ad, the Druse victim, was shot in the back by a Police bullet or that the motive was not exploited by someone bent on "settling accounts." It is deplorable that not only Maki, but Herut and Mapam too, have chosen to shoot their darts against the Police, the Military Government and, of course, Mapai. Why not wait for the results of the investigation?

Yours, etc.
 M. GOLDWASSER
 Tel Aviv, October 27.

ILLEGIBLE CARDS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Having been on duty at one of the capital's polling stations, and having had to handle a considerable number of Identity Cards, I was shocked to see that nearly all of them are in such a miserable state, so worn and torn through no fault of their owners, but because of the paper.

Due to human inertia, however, hardly anybody bothers to exchange his identity card for a new one, since he is not legally bound to do so. Therefore, authorities must act, and act quickly, to prevent a situation in which thousands of citizens will be without proper Identity Cards. A gradual exchange during the next few months will have to be enforced by law; otherwise the splendid achievement of having presented each citizen with his Identity Card will be lost.

Yours, etc.
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MARGINAL COMMENT

Sensitive Chinese Dragon

By George Leonof

CHINA is neither so poor in land, nor so rich in friends, as to squander Indian goodwill for the sake of an almost uninhabited, barely accessible stretch of border territory — a territory, moreover, which she is not being requested to surrender but, never having possessed it, is being asked to refrain from grabbing by armed force. The extent of the area involved in the cartographic disparity between the Indian and Chinese versions of the frontier, an expanse somewhere in the vicinity of 40,000 square miles, would not alone explain why the Peking Government should have chosen so violently to assert its claims on India. Prime Minister Nehru's outspoken sympathy, from the very outset, for the Chinese Communist revolution has perhaps been the greatest single factor in giving it an aura of respectability in the eyes of uncommitted Asia. India's constant efforts in the international arena, up to and including the current U.N. General Assembly, to win formal recognition for Mr. Mao Tse-tung's regime has done more to rally the Afro-Asian bloc, and other nations, to this cause than all the combined efforts of the Eastern bloc. For if a neighbour, dedicated to the cause of democracy and sharing thousands of miles of frontier with China, feels so strongly about the need to recognize Peking, why should, say, Sweden, object?

CHINA, it is true, has never formally recognized the Sino-Indian border running along the so-called McMahon line, drawn up under the Raj with a keener eye, presumably, to British imperialist interests than to historic objectivity. It may also be said that China, if she felt she had been unfairly treated, was never strong enough to dispute the arrangement. The fact remains that, whatever injustices China may have suffered at the hands of the imperialist powers in the past, the McMahon line did not deprive her of a single square inch of valuable territory.

INDIA's unconcealed sympathy for the Tibetan rebels and censure of Chinese military operations there must have had a more injurious effect on China's international relations than has been readily apparent. While Moslem Pakistan could remain emotionally uninvolved, the armed intervention created a popular outcry in Buddhist India that was maintained at high pitch by the flight of the Dalai Lama across the border and the steady stream of Tibetan refugees that followed in the same direction. Indian goodwill for China rapidly dwindled. The pressure on the border seems to be Peking's way of saying that if India cannot remain untouched by events so close to her border — the border could be moved.

Jerusalem, November 22.

HEARD ABROAD

Troubles do not always arise because two people do not love one another, but almost entirely because they love themselves more than they love each other. — Mr. Justice Wallington.

There is no class of persons more moved by hatred than the motorist. — Mr. C. R. Hewitt.

I've always had a weakness for foreign affairs. — Miss Mae West.

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